

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated August 31, 2007. Claims 6, 18, 19 and 26 are in the application, of which Claims 6, 18 and 26 are independent. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for her indication of allowable subject matter in Claims 6, 18 and 19. In response, Claims 6 and 18 have been rewritten in independent form, and Claim 19 has been retained in its form as dependent from Claim 18. In making these changes, the definition of the claimed liquid supply member has been changed. According to the former definition, the "liquid supply member" comprises "a plurality of well plates". According to the changed definition, the "liquid supply member" comprises a "well plate depot for receiving a plurality of well plates". It is not believed that this change in definition affects the Examiner's reasons for allowance.

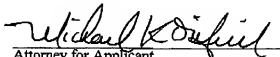
In addition, and based on the Examiner's stated reasons for allowance, new Claim 26 has been added. It is believed that this new claim accurately captures the Examiner's notion of allowable subject matter, and allowance is respectfully requested.

The remaining claims have all been cancelled. Cancellation is without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, and without conceding the correctness of the rejections entered against them. Rather, cancellation was made strictly to obtain an earlier allowance. Accordingly, this should be viewed as a traversal of all of the rejections.

No other matters being raised, it is believed that the application is fully in condition for allowance, and such action is courteously solicited.

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